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From: Chief of Naval Personnel
To: All Ships and Stations (less Marine Corps field addressees
not having Navy personnel attached)

Subj: CY-2000 NAVY VOTING PROGRAM

Ref: (a) Federal Voting Assistance Guide (FVAG)

Encl: (1) Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) Guidance
(2) CY-2000 State Primary Dates

1. Purpose. To announce and provide guidance pertaining to Navy's CY-2000 Voting Program.

2. Discussion. Freedom and the right of Americans to elect their government representatives are the cornerstones of our democracy. The opportunity to vote in free elections is available to few people throughout the world. Those of us who are privileged to vote bear the responsibility to participate actively in our country's political process. Each vote is important and makes our wishes known to those who serve in positions of national and state leadership.

3. Goals. The goals of the CY-2000 Navy Program are

a. To provide eligible voters with information on the voting program.

b. To increase voter participation. Every effort will be made to achieve 100 percent registration of eligible Navy voters.

4. Voting Material. The Defense Distribution Depot, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania will distribute or make available for distribution, the following materials:

a. Voting Assistance Guide 2000-2001 will be available to all commands. Retain until the next edition is published in 2004.

b. Posters. Motivational posters and "2000 Primary Elections Calendar" are available for distribution to all commands through normal supply resources.

c. SF 76, Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) forms were distributed to all commands in November 1999 for use by absentee voters. Reference (a) and enclosure (1) provide guidance on completing an FPCA.

5. Action

a. Command Internal Information. Commands should establish an Internal Information Program to encourage voting and registration. Throughout the year, commands and public affairs officers should work together to raise awareness of the voting process and publicize election information. Use all available means to carry out the spirit and intent of the program, supporting the theme: "Your Voice, Your Choice: Vote!" Publicize voting information, to include the Bureau of Naval Personnel (BUPERS)/Navy Personnel Command (NAVPERSCOM) new web site, www.persnet.navy.mil/pers66/nvap/, through various communications media such as ship or station newspapers; bulletins; plans of the day; public address system announcements; Shipboard Information, Training and Entertainment (SITE) systems afloat; Navy Broadcasting Service Detachments ashore and E-Mail.

b. Primary Elections. Enclosure (2) lists presidential and state primary elections by month. For example, in CY-2000, there will be 17 state primaries in September. Personnel voting in these elections should be advised to complete and return their ballots as soon as possible to avoid the possibility of having their ballot arrive at the election board too late to be counted. To ensure the ballot will be accepted by the election board, members should have the ballot envelope post marked within the requirements as set forth by their state.

c. General Election. For civilian and military personnel stationed overseas, and in some instances, military members stationed in the continental United States (CONUS), the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) is an alternative means of voting in the General Election. An FWAB should be submitted and processed in the manner provided by law for absentee ballots in the state involved. To use an FWAB, the name of the candidate or name of a political party should be written in to ensure the ballot is counted for the candidate of that political party. An overseas voter who submits an FWAB and later receives a state absentee ballot may submit the state ballot, but will be responsible for informing the appropriate local election official that he or she has submitted more than one ballot. An FWAB can

be submitted only from locations outside CONUS (FPO addresses), except where states have advised that they will accept an FWAB from voters in CONUS. Local election officials must receive application for a regular absentee ballot not less than 30 days before the general election.

d. Voter Registration. Registration requirements vary from state to state. Many states will allow the voter to register and request an absentee ballot simultaneously by submitting a single FPCA. Other states may require the use of two separate FPCAs: one to register, and a second to request an absentee ballot. In most cases, it is necessary for an FPCA to reach election officials by the date set for the close of registration, not by the deadline for applying for an absentee ballot. Consult reference (a) for individual state registration requirements.

e. Family Member Assistance. Commanders, commanding officers, and officers in charge are encouraged to ensure that voting assistance is also provided to eligible family members of military personnel.

f. Civilian Assistance. Commanders, commanding officers, and officers in charge of overseas commands may provide the same absentee voting assistance, required by this notice, to U.S. citizens attached to their commands, and upon request, to other U.S. citizens temporarily residing overseas.

g. Telephone Assistance

(1) Local commanders, commanding officers, and officers in charge are encouraged to ensure the telephone number and location of the unit voting assistance point of contact is listed with the base operator and command mail room.

(2) Navy Voter Hotline. A toll-free voter hotline at Navy Personnel Command is available for those in the field with voting questions. The hotline number, 1-800-368-5056, is available for use throughout CONUS (except Tennessee, Alaska, Hawaii, the Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico). Members in Tennessee and outside CONUS may call DSN 882-4369 or commercial 901-874-4369.

6. DOD Voting Information Center (VIC). The DOD VIC is in operation 24 hours a day providing news and information on

elections, candidates and issues. Anyone may call the VIC on 1-800-438-8683, DSN 425-1343 or commercial 703-588-1343.

7. Post-election Survey. The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens

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Absentee Voting Act requires the Secretary of Defense to provide the President and Congress with statistical data on the Armed Forces voting program. After the 7 November 2000 general election, the Director, Federal Voting Assistance Program will gather data by sample survey from commands and individual personnel.

8. Forms. SF 76, Federal Post Card Registration and Absentee Ballot Request (FPCA), S/N 0506-LP-322-9200 and SF 186, Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB), S/N 0506-LP-175-2400, Federal Voting Assistance Guides (FVAG), S/N 0506-LP-0231280, 2000 Presidential and State Primary Calendar, S/N 0506-LP-0231270 can be obtained through normal Navy supply channels. Use Military Standard Requisitioning and Issue Procedures (MILSTRIP).

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FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA) GUIDANCE

FPCA SF 76, Rev. 10-95, is the current form to use to register and request the absentee ballot. Discard other FPCAs.

In-Hand Delivery of FPCA. Department of Defense amplification of the federal law requires the "in-hand delivery" of the FPCAs for both primary and general elections. This is to ensure that all eligible military personnel are given the opportunity to apply for absentee ballots well in advance of the election. For the 7 November 2000 general election, issue FPCA to overseas personnel by 15 August. Issue FPCAs to personnel in CONUS by 15 September or, preferably, the week of 25 August, "Armed Forces Voter's Week." Please retain unused FPCAs rather than discarding them.

Legible Writing. FPCAs must be filled out clearly and legibly. Election officials will not process unreadable FPCAs.

Voting Residence (Item 3b). A member's "legal state of residence" for voting purposes is the state in which the member last resided prior to entering military service, or the state which the member has since claimed as legal residence. Even if the member no longer maintains formal ties to the state, such as property ownership, an address is needed to place the voter in a proper voting district or ward. Members who have rural route addresses must provide specific address information so election officials can accurately assign voting precinct. Lack of specific address information could invalidate the FPCA and result in non-receipt of the ballot.

Signature. Failure to sign invalidates the FPCA.

Oath. Not all states require completion of the oath or notary provision. In states where the oath is required, any commissioned officer, O-4 or above, commanding officer, executive officer, legal officer or judge advocate, are authorized to administer the oath and witness the signature. The designation of a senior enlisted member should be in writing, and signed by the commanding officer.

CY 2000 PRESIDENTIAL AND STATE PRIMARIES

State	Presidential Primary or (Preference)	State Primary	State Runoff Primary (if necessary)	OFFICIALS TO BE NOMINATED FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION		
				FEDERAL	STATE	
				US Senator	US Representative	Governor
Alabama	June 6	June 6	June 27	No	7	No
Alaska	-	August 22	-	No	1	No
American Samoa	-	-	-	-	1 Delegate	Yes
Arizona	February 22	September 12	-	Yes	6	No
Arkansas	May 23	May 23	June 13	No	4	No
California	March 7	March 7	-	Yes	52	No
Colorado	March 10	August 8	-	No	6	No
Connecticut	March 7	September 12	-	Yes	6	No
Delaware	February 5	September 9	-	Yes	1	Yes
District of Col.	May 2	September 12	-	-	1 Delegate	No
Florida	March 14	September 5	October 3	Yes	23	No
Georgia	March 7	July 18	August 8	No	11	No
Guam	-	September 2	-	-	1 Delegate	No
Hawaii	-	September 23	-	Yes	2	No
Idaho	May 23	May 23	-	No	2	No
Illinois	March 21	March 21	-	No	20	No
Indiana	May 2	May 2	-	Yes	10	Yes
Iowa	-	June 6	-	No	5	No
Kansas	April 4	August 1	-	No	4	No
Kentucky	May 23	May 23	-	No	6	No
Louisiana	March 14	October 7	November 7	No	7	No
Maine	March 7	June 13	-	Yes	2	No
Maryland	March 7	March 7	-	Yes	8	No
Massachusetts	March 7	September 19	-	Yes	10	No
Michigan	February 22	August 8	-	Yes	16	No
Minnesota	-	September 12	-	Yes	8	No
Mississippi	March 14	March 14	April 4	Yes	5	No
Missouri	March 7	August 8	-	Yes	9	Yes
Montana	June 6	June 6	-	Yes	1	Yes
Nebraska	May 9	May 9	-	Yes	3	No
Nevada	-	September 5	-	Yes	2	No
New Hampshire	February 1	September 12	-	No	2	Yes
New Jersey	June 6	June 6	-	Yes	13	No
New Mexico	June 6	June 6	-	Yes	3	No
New York	March 7	September 12	-	Yes	31	No
North Carolina	May 2	May 2	May 30	No	12	Yes
North Dakota	-	June 13	-	Yes	1	Yes
Ohio	March 7	March 7	-	Yes	19	No
Oklahoma	March 14	August 22	September 19	No	6	No
Oregon	May 16	May 16	-	No	5	No
Pennsylvania	April 25	April 25	-	Yes	21	No
Puerto Rico	March 5 (R) & March 12 (D)	November 14	-	-	1 Resident Commissioner	Yes
Rhode Island	March 7	September 12	-	Yes	2	No
South Carolina	-	June 13	June 27	No	6	No
South Dakota	June 6	June 6	June 20	No	1	No
Tennessee	March 14	August 3	-	Yes	9	No
Texas	March 14	March 14	April 11	Yes	30	No
Utah	March 10	June 27	-	Yes	3	Yes
Vermont	March 7	September 12	-	Yes	1	Yes
Virgin Islands	-	September 9	November 16	-	1 Delegate	No
Virginia	February 29	June 13	-	Yes	11	No
Washington	February 29	September 19	-	Yes	9	Yes
West Virginia	May 9	May 9	-	Yes	3	Yes
Wisconsin	April 4	September 12	-	Yes	9	No
Wyoming	-	August 22	-	Yes	1	No